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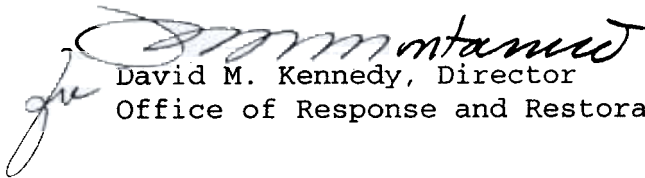
Charles M. Wooley
U.S. Department of Interior
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS/AES-EQ/EC)
Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building
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Dear Mr. Wooley,

I have received your formal request for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to join the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a cooperating agency on the joint Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment (the Plan) for the selection and implementation of environmental restoration projects for the Lower Fox River and Green Bay, Wisconsin. I, as the natural trustees authorized official, agree that NOAA should join this effort as a cooperating agency. The NOAA Coastal Resource Coordinator, Todd Goeks, of the Office of Response and Restoration's Coastal Protection and Restoration Division (ORR/CPRD) will be the lead for providing review comments and recommendations.

If you have any questions or further need for coordination, please contact Todd Goeks (CRC5) at (312) 886-7527 or Alyce T. Fritz, CPRD Chief at (206) 526-6305. NOAA also looks forward to continuing our partnership on this important project.

Sincerely yours


David M. Kennedy, Director
Office of Response and Restoration

cc: Alyce T. Fritz, OR&R/CPRD
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Dear Mr Wooley

We have received your formal request for the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to join the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) as a cooperating agency on the Joint Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment (the Plan) for the selection and implementation of environmental restoration projects for the Lower Fox River and Green Bay, Wisconsin. We agree that BIA should join this effort as a cooperating agency. Herb Nelson, the Midwest Regional Environmental Scientist, and Al Sedik, the BIA NRDA Coordinator, would coordinate BIA review, comments and recommendations.

We also recommend that the Service consider requesting that the Menominee and Oneida Tribal Governments participate in the Plan as cooperating agencies. Agencies are authorized to invite tribes to participate in the NEPA compliance process as cooperating agencies when there is potential impact to tribal resources (40 CFR 1508.5.)

If there are questions, the contact is Herb Nelson P.E., Environmental Services, at telephone: (612) 713-4400 extension 1143.

Sincerely,

Regional Director